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SUBJECT: Job Readiness Activity Classes

As you are aware, DCBS currently contracts with Kentucky Adult Education (KYAE) to provide JRA classes for Kentucky Works participants. Since the implementation of the agreement in 2007 between KYAE and DCBS, staff from both agencies have worked diligently to make the JRA program a success. However, despite everyone's best efforts, the level of client participation has not met expectations. This is primarily due to an unexpected and dramatic decline in caseloads which resulted from implementation of federal mandates contained in reauthorization of TANF. This decline has resulted in a limited pool of available participants, and has thereby diminished the number of referrals that could be served by the local adult education centers.

After discussions between DCBS and KYAE, it is agreed that DCBS will not renew the contract with Kentucky Adult Education to provide Job Readiness Activity classes for SFY 2008-2009. The official end date of the contract will be June 30, 2008. In spite of this, we encourage staff to continue with this strong partnership and take advantage of the services offered by both agencies. Both KYAE and DCBS serve a similar, if not identical, target population with the common goal of assisting individuals in bettering their lives. Though the agreement will not be renewed, clients of both agencies should continue to benefit from this relationship by keeping the doors of communication open and utilizing each other as a resource.

If you have questions, please contact the Family Self Sufficiency Branch through your Regional Office.

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